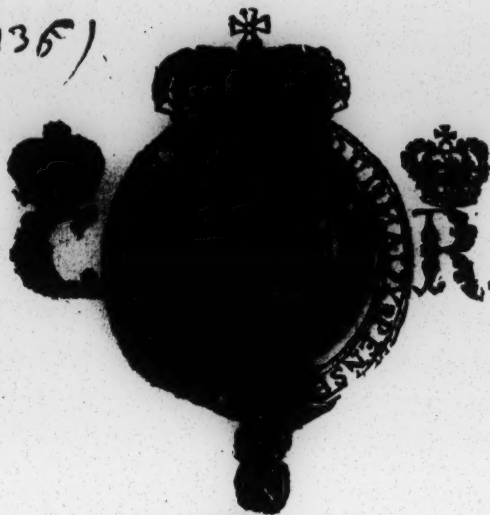
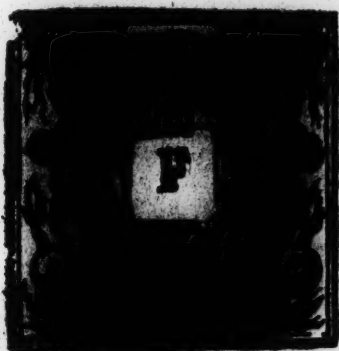


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# A C T Ancient Drovers.

*Edinburgh, Septemb. 3. 1674:*



Orasmuch, as the Lords of His Majesties Privy Council, in consideration of the frequent Thefts and Robberies committed by Drovers, or other Persons, imployed by them to drive Horses and Kine from the High-lands for sale; did by an Act of the 9th of March, 1671. ordain the saids Drovers to have Certificats and Passes, that they are Persons of good behaviour: and will be answerable to the Laws; under the hand either of the Sheriff of the Shire, Stewart of the Stewartry, Lord or Bailie of the Regality, or Magistrates of Burghs Royal, or any two Justices of Peace. Notwithstanding thereof, the saids Drovers, without any regard of the said Act, travel through the Countrey with divers Vagabounds and loose Persons, who in their going or returning, commit several Robberies. Therefore, the saids Lords, do hereby ordain the said Drovers to have Passes from the Sheriffs, and others foresaid, containing the Names of all these in their Company, for whom they are to be answerable: charging them to travel without the same: Ordaining hereby all Sheriffs, Stewarts, Bailies of Regalities, and others in Authority, to apprehend and imprison any Drovers who shall travel without Passes, containing the Names of their Servants and others imployed by them; and while they find Caution, that these Persons shall commit no Theft, Robberies, or other Crimes contrary to the Laws: And that they shall present them to Justice, as they shall be called. And that these presents be printed and published: That all Persons concerned may have notice thereof.

*Al. Gibson Cl. Sti. Concilii.*

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